

Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Program AY 2017

The U.S. Mission in Vietnam is pleased to call for nominations of outstanding candidates to participate in the 2017 Fulbright U.S. – ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative.

Program Description: The Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative is open to university faculty, foreign ministry or other government officials, and professional staff of the private sector, think tanks, and other NGOs in the ASEAN Member States to travel to the United States for scholarly and professional research for three to four months on priority issues to the U.S.-ASEAN relationship ASEAN. Nominations will be accepted from all ASEAN Member States. It is anticipated that 10 qualified applicants will be selected, preferably representing each of the 10 ASEAN Member States, by a U.S. – ASEAN selection committee.

Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar proposals should be carefully developed projects that will deepen the applicant's understanding of one or more aspects of the U.S.–ASEAN relationship. While it is expected that the majority of time will be spent in research, grantees are also encouraged to expand and develop their network of professional contacts so that professional relationships established during the grantee's time in the United States can be sustained after the formal grant period has ended. In addition, grantees will be expected to seek opportunities to provide an ASEAN perspective during their time in the United States through guest lectures, seminars, or participation in academic or professional conferences. All applicants are urged to explore possible affiliations with U.S. institutions, including universities, think tanks, and research institutes, in advance of submitting their formal applications. Letters of invitation will enable program organizers to make the most suitable affiliations. Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN projects should coincide with traditional fall/spring semesters, starting in September and ending in December, or starting in January and ending in May.

Background: Reflecting an enduring commitment to the Asia-Pacific region, the United States has elevated its engagement across Asia as a strategic priority. A central pillar of that strategy is to work more closely with multilateral institutions such as ASEAN. The objective of the Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar Initiative is to deepen people-to-people engagement and strengthen our educational ties. This marks the fifth year of the Initiative. To date, 40 scholars from all 10 ASEAN Member States have been awarded scholarships to pursue studies focused on a wide range of subjects including teaching English as a second language, maritime security, climate change, health, political security, and wildlife trafficking.

Fields of study: Fulbright Visiting Scholars may apply to conduct research in fields that support ASEAN initiatives including supporting regional economic integration, expanding maritime cooperation, promoting opportunities for women, fostering green growth, and addressing transnational challenges (including human trafficking, climate change, sustainable fishing, wildlife trafficking, and countering violent extremism).

These fields can include:

- *Education*
- *Environmental Sciences*
- *Financial Market Integration*
- *Food Technology*
- *Information Sciences*
- *Journalism*
- *Law*
- *Political Science*
- *Public Administration*
- *Public/Global Health*
- *Statistics*
- *Trade and Investment*
- *Trade Facilitation*
- *TEFL & Applied Linguistics*

Eligibility: Fulbright U.S.-ASEAN Visiting Scholar applicants should be university faculty, foreign ministry and government officials, or professionals in the private sector, think tanks and other NGOs whose work focuses on U.S.–ASEAN issues. Applicants will be expected to have a significant record of scholarly or professional accomplishment; they must be citizens of one of the ten ASEAN Member States; and they must be proficient in English. Preference will be given to qualified applicants who have not had recent and substantial experience in the United States. Applicants must be residing in an ASEAN Member State throughout the nomination and selection process, and they must return to an ASEAN country upon completion of their U.S. stay.

Applicants are ineligible who:

1. Are currently teaching, studying, or conducting research in the U.S., or who have received a Fulbright grant within the past five years.
2. Have been to the U.S. as a J-1 Exchange Visitor in the category of Professor or Research Scholar within the past two years.

The following materials comprise a complete application:

1. Application (Candidates will access the on-line application at <https://apply.embark.com/student/fulbright/scholars/30/>). Only online applications will be considered.
2. Project statement (three to five pages)
3. Bibliography
4. Curriculum vitae (up to six pages)
5. Letter of invitation (preferred, but not required)
6. Letters of recommendation (three are required)

Award Terms: Fulbright U.S.–ASEAN Visiting Scholar awards will provide:

- A monthly stipend for grantees, between US \$2,710 and \$3,145/month, depending on city.
- A direct-flight, round-trip economy-class air ticket.
- A \$1,250 Professional and Settling-in allowance.
- Qualifying university lab and research fees up to \$3,000, as necessary.
- No dependent support will be available.

Deadline: Friday, October 28, 2016 at 17:00 by Vietnam time zone

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